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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 37,381; Week ago 27,141; Year ago 30,720 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. S	ΓEERS:	Fdr. HI	EIFERS:	Hols.	<u>STEERS</u>
367 lbs	136.77	370 lbs	121.21	243 lbs	105.57
455 lbs	130.39	453 lbs	116.19	348 lbs	98.55
545 lbs	123.92	546 lbs	110.32	442 lbs	92.20
642 lbs	119.60	646 lbs	106.70	553 lbs	89.36
749 lbs	110.25	751 lbs	98.27	654 lbs	83.02
830 lbs	104.13	848 lbs	94.02	748 lbs	77.60
940 lbs	97.36	1038 lbs	89.50	850 lbs	78.15

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4100; Week ago 4426; Year ago 3310 Compared to last week, steers and heifers uneven generally 2.00 to 4.00 lower, with several exceptions, early sales 400-600 lbs heifers 2.00 to 4.00 higher, later sales of 550-700 lbs steers and 500-650 lbs heifers steady to 2.00 higher. 300-400 lbs calves 5.00-10.00 lower. Slaughter cows firm to 3.00 higher, and bulls 2.00 to 3.00 higher.

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Medium a	nd Large 1	Medium a	and Large 1
		:	
300-400 lbs.	132.00-154.00	300-400 lbs.	115.00-131.00
400-450 lbs.	130.00-144.00	400-500 lbs.	112.00-130.00
450-500 lbs.	124.00-131.00	500-600 lbs.	102.50-114.00
500-600 lbs.	117.00-129.00	600-650 lbs.	107.00-112.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-126.00	700-750 lbs.	92.50-97.50
700-800 lbs.	100.00-110.50	800-850 lbs.	90.50-94.00
Lot 810 lbs.	100.00		

Large 3 Holsteins <u>SLAUGHTER COWS:</u> Breaking and Boning (70-85%

		Breaking and Boning (70-85%
400-500 lbs.	Scarce	lean) 45.00-53.50, high dressing
500-600 lbs.	Scarce	50.00-57.00. Lean (85-90%)
		41.00-46.50, low dressing 32.00-
		40.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1320-2250 lbs 59.50-68.00, high dressing 70.00-75.50, low dressing 53.00-61.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 few scattered sales 2 to 7 yrs 900-1150 lbs majority cows in thin condition, with 150-300 lbs calves 875.00-1075.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 3 to 7 yrs 1050-1440 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 750.00-890.00, uniform string 52 head black/black-whiteface fall calving cows 3 to 6 yrs 1100 lbs 940.00 per head, few singles 2 to 7 yrs 1000-1200 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 730.00-820.00 per head, mostly ss mouth 1050-1220 lbs mostly 2nd stage 550.00-650.00 per head.

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 7169; week ago 9374; year ago 8989 Cow and Bull Receipts 2007; week ago 1818; year ago 3160 Compared to last week, Feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs 2.00 to 5.00 lower, over 600 lbs steady, Holsteins under 500 lbs 5.00 to 10.00 lower, over 500 lbs steady. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, Bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	128.00-144.00 121.00-137.00 114.00-126.00	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	114.00-126.00 109.00-122.00 105.00-115.00
600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	110.00-123.50 104.50-121.50 102.00-102.50	600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	100.00-107.50 96.50-102.00 Scarce
	TEINS: Frame 3 102.00-107.50 90.00-104.50 83.50-103.00 85.00-94.50 83.00-94.50 76.50-81.50 71.00-78.00	and Boning (70- 58.50, high dress Lean (85-90%) 3 dressing 30.00-4 <u>SLAUGHTER E</u> Grade 1-2, 1190-	39.50-50.50, low 6.00. <u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2320 lbs 61.00- sing 66.00-76.00,
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-1350 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 675.00-885.00, some more attractive 900.00-975.00 per head.			lyrs to ss, 925- lby to 350 lb 175.00, ss to aged ith baby to 250 lb

NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 4899, Week ago 2377, Year ago 2596 Feeder steers unevenly steady, with heifers 3.00 to 6.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium ar	nd Large 1
300-400 lbs.	144.00-149.00	300-400 lbs.	121.50-123.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-146.00	400-500 lbs.	108.10-124.00
500-600 lbs.	118.75-138.50	500-600 lbs.	103.00-116.50
600-700 lbs.	114.50-131.00	600-700 lbs.	96.25-114.50
700-800 lbs.	110.75-116.25	700-800 lbs.	94.00-104.00
800-900 lbs.	97.00-106.00	800-900 lbs.	87.25-97.25
900-1000 lbs.	94.85-100.50	900-1000 lbs.	Scarce
REPLACEMENT	COWS: Medium	SLAUGHTER C	OWS: Breaking

and Large 1-2 3 to 7 yrs mixed quality 970-1330 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 800.00-925.00 per head

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 1000 lb good quality black heifers with 100 lb calves 1360.00-1385.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-53.00, high dressing 53.00-56.75, Lean (85-90%) 40.00-47.50.

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1510-2385 lbs. 59.00-65.00, high dressing up to 69.75-70.50, low dressing 52.50-58.00.

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 3929; Week ago 4358; Year ago 2589 Compared to last week, feeder steers under 650 lbs 1.00-5.00 lower; heavier weights steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower—3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 and 1-2	FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 and 1-2
300-400 lbs 126.00-144.00 400-500 lbs. 119.00-133.00 500-600 lbs. 113.00-131.50 600-700 lbs. 107.50-124.00 700-800 lbs. 102.25-115.00 800-900 lbs. 98.85-106.00	400-500 lbs. 109.00-120.00 500-600 lbs. 100.00-119.50 600-700 lbs. 99.75-116.75 700-800 lbs. 97.50-103.00
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce	SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 46.75-53.75, High dressing 52.50-62.25, Lean (85-90%) 44.50-49.25, low dressing 42.00-45.00.
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce	SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1375-2460 lbs 58.50- 67.00, high dressing 67.00-70.50, low dressing 53.00-60.00.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 5561; Week ago 5401; Year ago 4939

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady, Slaughter cows firm to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER ST	TEERS:		HEIFERS:
Medium and La	rge 1& 1-2	Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2
350-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-850 lbs.	125.00-145.00 119.00-140.00 110.00-133.00 105.00-128.00 104.00-113.75 103.00-108.00		115.00-135.00 105.00-125.00 100.00-118.50 98.50-114.75 96.00-104.00
SLAUGHTER STEE Select and Choice 2-		Boning, and Lea	h dressing 50.00-
SLAUGHTER HEIF Select and Choice 2-		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1250- 67.50	<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2150 lbs, 57.50-

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 7003; week ago 216; year ago 2341 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 104; week ago 0; year ago 23 Feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs steady to 3.00 lower, over 500 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher, Slaughter Steers and heifers 5.00 to 6.00 higher.

	<u>STEERS:</u> nd Large 1-2		R HEIFERS: and Large 1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	127.00-140.00 126.00-142.00 118.50-135.25 116.00-127.50 108.00-115.20 103.50-108.25	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	117.00-123.00 110.00-127.00 106.75-121.75 102.50-110.40 97.25-102.75 97.75-99.25
SLAUGHTER S 2-3 1100-1450 I	STEERS: Choice bs 98.00-102.00	and Boning (75-	COWS: Breaking -85% lean) 48.50-sing 45.00-50.00
SLAUGHTER H	HEIFERS: Choice	SLAUGHTER 1	BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1350-2450 lbs 60.00-

REPLACEMENT COWS: Me-

1400 lbs 3rd stage pregnancy

975.00-1175.00 per head

dium and Large 1-2 2-7 yrs 1100-

2-3 1000-1400 lbs 96.75-99.90

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2 2-3 yrs 1000-1250

lbs with baby to 200 lb calves

1285.00-1525.00 per pair

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1248; Week ago: 1544; Year ago 1417 Compared to last week 600 lbs steers and all weights heifers 3.00 to 5.00 higher, other weights steers 1.0 to 4.00 lower, Slaughter cows 1.00 higher, and bulls steady.

	STEERS: ad Large 1-2		HEIFERS: nd Large 1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-450 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-750 lbs.	120.00-150.00 114.00-133.00 109.00-126.75 103.00-118.75 95.00-101.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	114.00-130.50 108.00-129.00 97.50-119.00 95.00-106.75 9250-101.00
REPLACEMENT Medium and Large 930-1420 lbs 2nd 600.00-820.00 pe	ge 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs I and 3rd stage	SLAUGHTER C and boning (75-8 50.50; high dress Lean 27.75-36.2	35% lean) 44.25- sing 51.00-53.25,
COW & CALF Pand Large 1-2 5 lbs with 80-350 I	to 7 yrs 960-1465	SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1475 59.50, high dress	-1940 lbs, 54.00-

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

Receipts: 3430, Week ago 2999, Year ago 3035

1230.00 per pair.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

Compared to last week feeder steers steady to 3.00 lower, heifers under 450 lbs very uneven 3.00 lower to 5.00 higher, over 450 lbs steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

Wicdian	and Large 1	Wicarum	and Large 1
300-400 lbs.	132.50-143.00	300-400 lbs.	118.50-134.00
400-500 lbs.	124.50-140.00	400-500 lbs.	10950-125.00
500-600 lbs.	118.00-131.00	500-600 lbs.	107.00-114.00
600-700 lbs.	114.40-126.25	600-700 lbs.	105.50-109.50
700-800 lbs.	111.50-115.00	700-800 lbs.	103.25-105.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce	800-900 lbs.	
and Large 1-2 3	TT COWS: Medium to 7 yrs , 1150-1575 stage 850.00-960.00	and Boning (70- 56.00, Lean (85	COWS: Breaking -85% lean) 49.0090%) 43.00-sing 35.00-43.00
COW & CALF and Large 1-2 S	PAIRS: Medium carce	SLAUGHTER 2 Grade 1-2, 1250 65.00, high dres dressing 50.00-	0-2400 lbs, 58.00- ssing 70.00, low
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MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 200; Year ago 600 Compared to last week, trade rather slow. Undertone on live sales lower and dress sales on grid basis 2.00-4.00 lower.

STEERS: 50-60% Choice 1200- STEERS: Carcass sales: No

1300 lbs 96.00-97.00	Sales
HEIFERS: No Sales.	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs. 156.00- 160.00

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9430, Week ago 9922; Year ago 10688 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.00 to 3.50 higher, Sows 4.00 to 5.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:	<u>SOWS:</u>
Base carcass meat price 59.00-	300-500 lbs 26.00-28.00
62.00. Weeks top Fri. 62.00	Over 500 lbs 29.00-35.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 15,053

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs not tested.

Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 100% formulated 14,329 head 10 lbs 32.79-38.25, weighted average 10 lbs 36.02

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated 724 head 40 lbs 61.80

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	192.10	175.50	207.00	59.00
St. Louis	210.00	167.50	220.00	61.00

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Spring rains and warmer weather this past week has at least re-started the grass to growing, although slow it may be. First cutting of alfalfa, once thought to be only a few days away, no in the not so near future. Some reports of cattle producers having to supplemental feed, as the grass that they had turned out on is now gone. The supply is light demand is moderate to light and prices are steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429). (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 140.00-175.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 140.00-175.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 80.00-140.00 Small, Big squares 100.00-180.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-6.00 per bale, 40.00-75.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-125.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 50.00-75.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-140.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-80.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 25.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-75.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, Fair to good quality millet/sudan grass round bale 50.00-55.00, Fair to good quality Bermuda grass 65.00 per round bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00, Wheat straw 1.75-3.50 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00-25.00 per bale.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 1616, (Norwood 4/12/07) Springer Heifers, Supreme 1800.00-1890.00, Approved 1500.00-1785.00, Medium 1310.00-1475.00, Common 975.00-1275.00, Bred 3-6 months: Suprieme 1760.00-1930.00. Open Heifers: Approved 200-300 lbs 685.00-850.00, 300-400 lbs 725.00-1050.00, Jerseys 750.00-950.00, 400-500 lbs 900.00-1000.00, Jerseys 1000.00-1110.00, 500-600 lbs 935.00-1150.00, 600-700 lbs 1230.00-1370.00, 700-800 lbs 1260.00-1520.00, Calves: Holstein Heifers 530.00-610.00, Holstein Bulls 150.00-260.00, Jersey heifers 200.00-350.00. Crossbred Heifers 195.00-320.00 per head.

White Sheep and Goat Sale

(Diamond 03/05/2007) Receipts: 2150 Last Month: 1166 Goats: Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1-2 50, 60-70 lbs 121.00-137.00, 70-80 lbs 97.00-110.00, 80-100 lbs 81.00-91.00. Does/ Nannies: Selection 1-2 95-135 lbs 41.00-53.00, Selection 3 35.00-48.00. Slaughter Billies: Selection 1-3 95-155 lbs 60.00-82.00. Replacement Classes: Does/Nannies Selection 1 100.00-125.00 per head, Selection 1-2 65.00-85.00. Selection 1-2 young springers 105.00-130.00 per head. Nannies with kids Selection 1 110.00-160.00, Selection 2 65.00-85.00 per head. Boer Billies reg few young 130.00-160.00, per head. Feeder Kids: Selection 1-3, 25-40 lbs 117.0-130.00 40-50 lbs 118.00-130.00. Selection 1 50-60 lbs 127.00-138.00, Selection 2-3 97.00-120.00. Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: Choice 1-2 wooled 60-70 lbs 117.50-130.00, 70-80 lbs 197.50-120.00, 100-140 lbs 85.00-95.00, Hair 50-60 lbs 129.00, 60-70 lbs 90.00-127.50. Feeder Lambs: wooled 40-50 lbs 128.00, hair 40-50 lbs 92.50-112.50. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-2 125-195 lbs 27.00-30.00. Replacement Ewes: wooled Good 70-143 lbs 65.00-70.00. (prices per cwt)

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .15 to .17 lower, Wheat .02 to .24 higher, Corn .09 to .19 lower, KC Wheat .07 to .19 higher, Soybean meal 2.60 to 3.40 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans May Jul Aug Sep Nov	736 753 1/4 760 767 1/4 782 1/2	724 741 1/4 748 754 3/4 770 1/2	715 1/2 732 1/4 739 1/2 745 759 1/2	718 1/4 735 742 1/4 749 762	723 1/4 740 1/4 747 753 1/2 767 1/2
Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	475 1/4 488 1/4 497 1/2 510 1/2 518	477 1/2 490 3/4 499 1/2 509 1/2 516	474 1/2 489 496 1/2 506 512	496 507 3/4 509 3/4 515 1/2 518	502 514 3/4 516 3/4 521 524 1/2
Corn May Jul Sep Dec Mar	364 1/4 376 382 390 1/4 400 1/2	353 1/4 365 1/4 370 1/2 379 1/2 389 3/4	363 1/2 375 1/4 376 1/4 381 1/2 391	371 1/4 382 1/4 377 1/4 380 390 1/4	360 1/2 372 370 1/2 374 3/4 385 1/4
KC Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	494 493 500 1/4 513 1/2 521	492 488 496 3/4 508 1/4 518	492 1/2 489 495 3/4 508 520	510 504 1/2 509 1/4 519 1/4 524	514 510 1/2 515 1/2 524 1/2 531
SB Meal May Jul Aug Sep Oct	199.50 205.30 208.10 210.30 212.00	197.70 203.70 206.70 209.00 210.80	196.90 203.20 206.60 208.50 209.50	196.90 203.20 206.10 208.30 209.50	196.40 202.10 204.80 207.20 208.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .43 to 1.43 lower, Lean Hogs nearby .05 to .62 higher, others .40 to .67 lower, Pork Bellies .20 to .75 higher, Feeder Cattle nearby .20 to .27 lower, others .50 to .75 higher.

Daily Futures Closes					
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Cattle Apr Jun Aug Oct Dec	97.30 92.90 91.27 95.17 95.65	97.65 93.27 91.37 95.25 95.77	97.12 92.82 91.10 94.92 95.57	96.45 92.72 90.82 94.67 95.40	95.62 92.27 90.62 94.40 94.87
Lean Hogs Apr May Jun Jul Aug	65.55 76.65 77.85 78.85 77.87	76.40 77.45 78.32 77.55	75.80 76.60 77.12 76.70	76.67 77.60 77.80 77.15	76.57 77.05 77.37 76.80
Prk Bel May Jul Aug Feb	103.12 104.65 102.50 101.10	103.15 104.75 102.50 101.30	103.20 104.72 102.50 101.50	104.87 106.10 103.75 101.50	105.00 105.95 103.20 101.50
Fdr Cat Apr May Aug Sep Oct	107.72 108.52 110.77 109.40 109.15	107.85 109.35 111.92 110.70 110.60	107.27 108.30 111.27 110.25 109.90	107.30 108.07 111.15 110.20 109.80	107.05 107.45 110.75 109.80 109.60
Milk Apr May Jun	16.01 16.35 16.37	16.05 16.64 16.71	16.02 16.55 16.60	16.10 17.00 17.05	16.10 17.20 17.37

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .06 to .17 lower Wheat .18 to .36 higher Corn .02 to .09 lower Grain Sorghum .11 lower to .06 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.01 6.89 6.81 6.83 6.88	3.99 3.97 3.98 4.15 4.19	3.46-3.48 3.35-3.37 3.46-3.48 3.54-3.55 3.44-3.45	5.61-5.63 5.41-5.43 5.61-5.63 5.95 5.77
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.18 7.02-7.06 6.98 7.00-7.05 7.05-7.13	4.45 4.51 4.48 4.72 4.85	3.64-3.65 3.55-3.57 3.68-3.70 3.75-3.76 3.67	5.75 5.55 5.75 5.88 5.71
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.72-6.76 6.60-6.64 6.52-6.56 6.54-6.58 6.58-6.63	3.62-3.65 3.65-3.68 3.62-3.70 3.83-3.91 3.89-3.97	3.34 3.23 3.34 3.41 3.30-3.31	5.33 5.14 5.33 5.46 5.26
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.08-7.12 6.91-6.96 6.85-6.91 6.92-7.00 6.99-7.06	4.38-4.48 4.40-4.52 4.37-4.52 4.59-4.76 4.68-4.83	3.49-3.56 3.41-3.48 3.53-3.61 3.61-3.68 3.50-3.60	5.85-6.01 5.66-5.82 5.83-6.00 5.98-6.14 5.78-5.94

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT) *NEW CROP

Weekly Crop Report

A cold, rainy week with 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork kept farmers out of fields. Spring tillage advanced only 3 percentage points over last week to 48 percent complete, 4 days behind last year and 6 days behind the 5-year average. Warmer and drier weather is needed for fieldwork, but also to assess the crop damage from last week's freeze. Early evaluations have the worst damage to fruit and nut crops, with a total loss expected in some areas. The extent of damage to the wheat crop is still highly uncertain, with early estimates ranging from mild to severe depending on location. Some corn will need to be replanted, while pasture and alfalfa growth has been nonexistent since the freeze. Topsoil moisture is rated 2 percent very short, 4 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Corn planting is 18 percent complete, 4 days behind last year and about 1 week behind the normal pace of 41 percent. It appears more fields will need to be replanted than initially thought, especially in the west-central, southwest, and southeast districts where most of the early planting occurred. Corn emerged is at 5 percent, over 1 week behind last year and 3 days behind the 5year average. Sorghum planting progress remained quite slow, although the state's completion rate of 4 percent is still slightly ahead of normal. Rice planting has been slowed by rain in the Bootheel, where 7 percent of the crop is planted, 10 days behind last year and 4 days behind normal. Winter wheat condition declined markedly to 20 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 10 percent good, and 0 percent excellent, a decrease of 36 points in the good to excellent categories from last week. A few reporters have already seen farmers plowing up fields to go into another crop, but most are still waiting for a clearer picture of the damage. It appears the far northwest corner of the state received little to no damage since the wheat was not as far along in maturity. Most other areas, however, will likely have moderate to severe damage. Reporters estimate alfalfa and other hay yields will be cut moderately. Pockets of more severe damage are showing up as browning grasses and blackened alfalfa. Fescue seed production may be cut substantially. Pasture condition is reported as 9 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, a drop of 13 points in good to excellent.